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# MAP DRIVE FOR PEOPLE'S LAWS

## Prepare Second Big L. A. Strike Meet

### ILA GETS 2 INSINCERE PROPOSALS

#### NORMAN THOMAS —DO YOU BACK A STRIKEBREAKER

Browder Asks Some Pertinent  
Question on Cannon

By EARL BROWDER

In the name of the Socialist Party of California, the Trotskyite James Cannon has issued the most shameful strikebreaking attack against Harry Bridges, the leader of the Pacific Maritime Federation.

Among the maritime workers of the Pacific Coast there is no need for us to come to the aid of Harry Bridges against this scandalous attack. They know Bridges through years of struggle and victory. They learned to trust him, and to rely upon him in the most difficult times. Every new experience has increased their confidence in him.

But when the name of the Socialist Party is used to do this work of the open-shop employers of the Pacific Coast, at a time when we of the Communist Party are urging a united front with the Socialist Party, then the odium which Cannon's strikebreaking brings upon the Socialist Party reflects upon us also, and demands from us the most forceful protest.

We must make it clear, that when we call upon the Socialist Party for a united front, we

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Engineers Assn. In  
Tentative Accord;  
Wont Ballot Yet

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Strike News)

SAN FRANCISCO — Shippers on Monday rejected the ILA proposal for \$1 an hour, \$1.50 overtime, with straight time to be worked the first six hours between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

LOS ANGELES.—Los Angeles labor and big sections of the public are preparing for the second giant public mass meeting under the auspices of the Joint Strike Committee.

The meeting will be held Feb. 7, at Olympic Auditorium, 18th and Grand Sts. Admission will be free.

Featured speakers will be Harry Bridges, Mayor John Dore of Seattle, and Vito Marcantonio, New York congressman. Lewis Browne, prominent liberal leader, will be chairman.

5000 Hear Bridges in Portland

PORLTAND, Ore.—Civic Auditorium was jammed full, as 5000 people heard Harry Bridges explain the maritime strike issues last Thursday. Shipowners refused to send a speaker. Mayor Carson also spoke.

In Bakersfield the Central Labor Council is sponsoring a huge mass meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at which maritime strike leaders will speak.

SAN FRANCISCO.—A special (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 6)

The Western Worker Drive

### THESE UNIONISTS VALUE WESTERN; HOW ABOUT COMMUNIST UNITS?

SHALL WE TELL you a few incidents regarding the WESTERN WORKER in the past few weeks, let you in on a few secrets?

In a certain Central Labor Council in this state, where a delegate read a Western Worker clipping which exposed a discredited reactionary, one delegate jumped up and said: "If that's the kind of a paper it is, I'm going to subscribe for it." Two delegates subscribed on the spot.

The head of a new union in a Northern California county has just sent in his subscription to the WESTERN WORKER. He finds the paper indispensable, besides being the only paper in the state consistently speaking for all progressive measures.

The editor of a labor paper in this state told the Building Trades Council in his locality that they'd have to read the WESTERN WORKER as one of the few papers giving the real maritime strike news.

Attempts to bar the WESTERN WORKER, by reactionaries in two unions—the Marine Cooks and the Marine Firemen—were overwhelmingly voted down, which constituted a vote of confidence in the Western Worker by the members.

That's what the WESTERN WORKER has begun to mean to progressives in the organized labor movement.

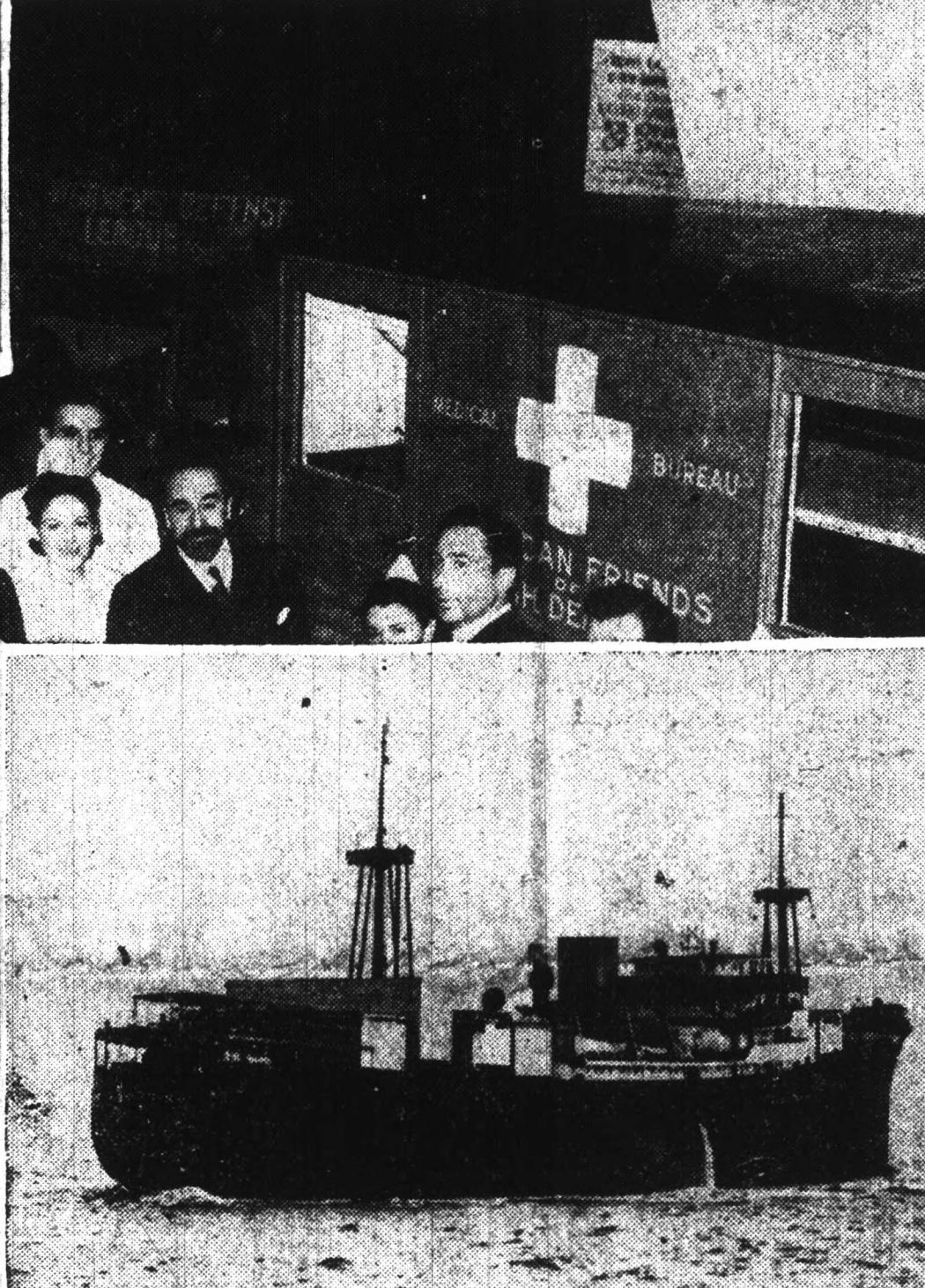
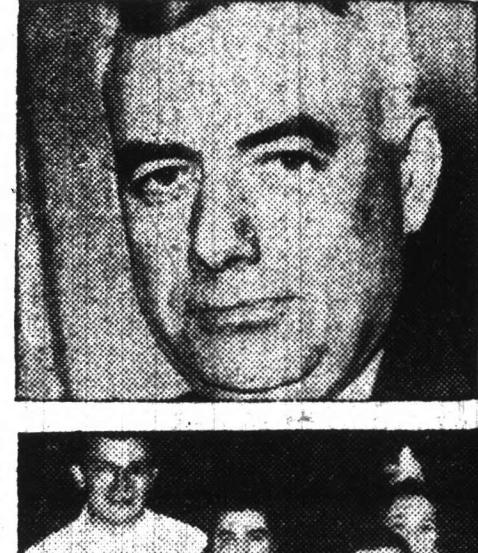
Yet we are forced to report an alarming situation in the Workers' Press Sustaining Fund Drive for 1937. Five weeks left—and less than 30 per cent of the funds raised in the \$12,000 drive!

Does it mean that Communist Party members, Communist units in California don't agree with the progressive trade unionists mentioned above in regard to the importance of the WESTERN WORKER?

We don't believe that.

Get into the drive now, every Communist and Communist unit, with full force.

### Food, Clothing, Medicine, Right to Buy Arms, for Spain



FERNANDO DE LOS RIOS, Spanish ambassador to the U. S., is presented with the first of several ambulances which will be sent to the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism. Ambulances will be accompanied by American physicians, internes and nurses, some of whom are shown above. The presentation took place at a giant mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York. Upper inset, John T. Bernard, Farmer-Laborite, of Minnesota, who single-handedly delayed action on Congress "neutrality" law, long enough to permit a shipload of airplanes and other supplies to clear New York for the legitimate loyalist Spanish government. The Spanish freighter Mar Cantabrico, below, is shown slipping out with the supplies.

### E. BAY UNIONS VOTE TO HAVE LABOR SLATES!

Committee to Report  
Back Jan. 30 on  
Candidates

OAKLAND — Oakland and Berkeley will have labor's own candidates on the ballot at this spring's municipal elections, decided Labor's Non-Partisan Political Federation of Alameda County, at a conference at the Labor Temple here last Saturday night.

The resolution for independent political action was carried by an 80-to-1 vote, and a policy committee of 17 was elected to recommend union men or women for candidates. Most important positions open at the Oakland municipal election will be on the City Council and Board of Education.

The group, composed of delegates from practically every union in Alameda County, will meet again January 30 to hear the committee's recommendations.

George Gaillac, Electrical Workers' Union, presided as chairman.

"This never has been done before."

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### ROSSI FINDING OUT ITS NOT A "FORMALITY"

SAN FRANCISCO — Reactionary labor officials are said to have assured Mayor Rossi that passage of the resolution in the Labor Council condemning the Mayor's attack on the maritime strike would only be a formality.

Things didn't turn out that way, however, and organized labor is thoroughly aroused at the Mayor's recent strike-breaking speech over the radio. So is the public, as a deluge of telegrams show.

### \$100,000 RAISED IN USA BY SPAIN DELEGATION

Technicians Flow In To Give  
Service To People

NEW YORK — The speaking tour in 43 U. S. and Canadian cities by Marcelino Domingo, Isabel de Palencia and Father Luis Sarasola, delegates from Spain, realized \$100,000 for Spanish relief, according to preliminary reports. The delegates spoke to 250,000 persons.

NEW YORK — A steady flow of technicians volunteering to go to Spain is reported at the new headquarters of the American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, Room 70, 31 E. 27th St., New York City. Skilled personnel for heavy industry, particularly automobile and electricity, are needed to enable Spain to compete with Nazi mechanization and release men from the battle front.

The Legion's San Francisco County Council was asked to take similar action.

### Musicians Give \$500 To Maritime Strike

SAN FRANCISCO — The Musicians Union has donated \$500 to the maritime strike. The Webb Pressmen, Local 4, are giving \$100 a week, and Cooks Local 44 has donated \$250 to the strike of the maritime workers.

### WHAT ABOUT PUNISHING VIGILANTES?

SACRAMENTO — A bill introduced into the Legislature by Ernest D. Voigt (Dem., Los Angeles) calls for a death sentence to kidnappers who inflict bodily harm on their victims.

Needless to say, the bill does not include vigilantes, such as those in Santa Rosa, who kidnapped two progressive unionists and tarred, feathered and beat them. Both cannery workers and fishermen are in the AFL.

### MEET URGES FORMING OF PROGRESSIVE BLOC IN STATE LEGISLATURE

56 Unions, 6 Central  
Labor Bodies at  
Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — More than 250 delegates, representing over a quarter of a million California people, gathered at the People's State Legislative Conference here Saturday and Sunday, hammered out a program of labor and social legislation, and set up an apparatus to guard the legislative interests of the people during the present session of the state legislature.

Outstanding among the decisions adopted by the Conference was that which called upon state legislators who were either delegates or guests of the Conference to form a progressive bloc, regardless of party affiliation, in order to work for the adoption of the Conference program and to maintain working contact with the State Executive Committee of the Conference.

Although major emphasis of the Conference was laid upon the adoption of vital pro-labor and pro-people's bills, the State Executive Committee, through its legislative representative, was instructed to bring pressure to bear upon both houses to insure the defeat of pending anti-labor legislation introduced by open-shop interests.

Six Central Labor Bodies  
Six central Labor Councils  
were represented through delegates: Alameda, Santa Clara, San

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### ILA HEAD CALLS FOR WIDE AID TO END ANTI-PICKET

Schmidt Points to the Vital  
Importance to Labor

SAN FRANCISCO — Participation in the campaign to repeal the 20-year-old San Francisco anti-picket law has been urged by Henry Schmidt, president of ILA Local 38-79.

Schmidt's appeal to members of the maritime unions applies to members of all unions and citizens in general. His appeal states:

"There will be a special election held in the city of San Francisco on March 2, 1937, at which you will be given an opportunity to kill the anti-picketing ordinance. The anti-picketing ordinance has been in existence since 1916 and was passed

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### 2700 in Sardine Strike, Monterey

MONTEREY — Fishermen, who last week affiliated with the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union of the ISU, have struck here, tying up all fishing and cannery boats.

700 fishermen on 60 boats and 2000 cannery workers in 11 sardine plants are affected. Demands are for uniform pay on boats and in canneries, overtime pay, union recognition. A minimum of 45 cents an hour for women in the canneries and 50 cents for men is asked. Both cannery workers and fishermen are in the AFL.

### TROTZKYITES IN SOCIALIST PARTY AID SPAIN FASCISTS

(AN EDITORIAL)

READ the following statement: "Many of them (peasants) are in the Fascist armies and would immediately go over to the defense of Madrid if they really had something to fight for . . . (the Spanish People's Front Government) is a capitalist government and opposed to the interests of the Spanish people." Who do you think wrote that? Hearst? A Nazi? A Blackshirt? You're wrong! It comes from a leaflet issued by the Trotzkyites in the name of the Socialist Party of Los Angeles, distributed at a mass meeting for the Spanish People's Front delegation.

Such outrageous attacks on the Spanish People's Front, while it fights on the barricades against Fascism, backs to the wall, are aiding General Franco, Hitler, and Mussolini just as surely and effectively as if the Trotzkyites were fighting in the Fascist armies of Franco against the Spanish people. This is only one of numerous examples of the traitorous, counter-revolutionary role of the Trotzkyite renegades who have wormed their way into the Socialist Party and are rapidly wrecking it.

It was this traitorous role which helped Fascism, which forced the Socialist Party of Franke to expel the Trotzkyites; which forced the Catalonian People's Front Government to expel and denounce the Trotzkyites as betrayers, (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 1)

### Spanish Fascists

### Trapped by Blast

(More Spanish News On Page 6)

MADRID — Exploding a dynamite mine which destroyed key Fascist positions in the right wing of the Clinic Hospital, government militia trapped a large force of Fascist soldiers on an upper floor.

The militia took possession of the battered lower floors, and also pushed operations in other sections of University City.

Guerrilla warfare against the Fascists from the rear, was developing on large scale proportions, according to reports here by the ministry of the interior, that 2800 government sympathizers have risen against the Fascists in Caceres Province, on the Portuguese border.

The government troops of Caceres held well-entrenched positions, and repulsed three Fascist assaults with heavy losses. Fascist armies were reported

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### MEMORIALS TO HONOR LENIN

Speakers To Tell What Lenin Is to U. S.

What Leninism means in bettering working and living conditions for American working people will be outlined at six Lenin Memorial meetings this week throughout California. Half of the collections made at these meetings will go to swell the drive for \$12,000 for the WESTERN WORKER.

Wm. Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will speak in San Francisco on "The New Soviet Constitution" next Saturday, January 23rd, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium. A water

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### DELAY COPELAND CERTIFICATES

WASHINGTON — After a march in Washington, the East Coast seamen's delegation was assured by Secy. of Labor Perkins that she would recommend immediate passage of a congressional resolution to suspend operation of the Copeland Act for six months.

WASHINGTON — The Department of Commerce has postponed issuance of certificates of service under the Copeland Act until Feb. 20. This is undoubtedly the result of indignation by seamen and the presence of delegations from the East and West Coasts to fight for amending the Copeland Act.

NEW YORK — To the aid of Spanish democracy sailed the first American surgical unit and ambulance corps, aboard the French liner Paris, last Saturday. The unit consisted of 18 men and women, four ambulances, \$30,000 worth of medical supplies, and other equipment for a 50-bed hospital.

REGISTER BY JANUARY 21, VOTE YES ON REAPPEAL OF SAN FRANCISCO'S VICIOUS ANTI-PICKET LAW IN MAR. 2 SPECIAL ELECTIONS

# I.L.A. STRIKE COMMITTEE HITS A.F.L. COUNCIL STRIKEBREAKING IN AUTO; VANDELEUR DODGES IT

**Important Issue of Organization of Mass Production Industries Near Show-Down In San Francisco Labor Council**

SAN FRANCISCO—The all important issue of organization of the mass production industries along industrial union lines, and the whole CIO issue with it, almost came to a show-down at the San Francisco Central Labor Council meeting last Friday night.

A resolution passed by the I.L.A. Local 38-79 strike committee

and condemning the AFL Executive Council for ordering craft union members to scale on the General Motors strike in Flint, was introduced into the Council, and I.L.A. delegate Schmidt moved concurrence.

President Vandeleur ordered the resolution referred to the law and legislative committee. Another reactionary, Andy Gallegher of the Photo-Engravers, didn't agree with Vandeleur here.

Gallegher shouted that "we might as well face this issue right now." He proposed that the resolution be filed, which would have placed the Council on the side of the Executive Council against the CIO campaign to organize the automobile and other mass production industries on an industrial union basis.

**Vandeleur's Diplomacy**

Vandeleur ruled Gallegher's amendment out of order, and Gallegher appealed the chair's ruling, which was sustained on a roll call vote. The matter now goes to the Council's law and legislative committee.

"I recognize the desire of the chair to be diplomatic but I propose to meet this issue of condemnation of the AFL right here and now," Gallegher said.

The resolution of the I.L.A. committee stated that the ordering of craft union members through the United Auto Workers' picket line is "tantamount to strikebreaking."

**Typical Cases**

It was established that this man and his wife were typical cases among hundreds in Sacramento.

The Workers' Alliance proved that more rent could be paid, food increased, clothes bought by the SRA, but the Administration tried to whitewash the housing of these workers in cellars with the excuse that houses could not be gotten in Sacramento, due to housing shortage.

This the "Alliance" immediately proved to be incorrect.

The SRA officials agreed to pay more rent if necessary, and stated if the workers living in these slums would find better homes, the SRA would pay the rent. They agreed to give the workers dental care. On the question of paying for clothes for the unemployed, they first tried to prove that the unemployed should be satisfied with made-over clothes given by the charities. Of course this was definitely rejected by the Alliance, which demanded that SRA pay for new clothes. Finally this was agreed to. However, owing to the fact that many of the unemployed are union men, and union principles are that workers should always wear nothing but union made clothes, and that such clothes sometimes were higher in price than the ordinarily shoddy and cheap shoes paid for by the SRA, it main inside the plants.

**Legislative Probe**

SAN FRANCISCO.—The legislative representatives of the State Federation of Labor and the San Francisco Labor Council will get behind the Richie resolution for a legislative investigation of the Modesto frameup.

## TROTZKYITES IN SOCIALIST PARTY AID SPAIN FASCISTS

(Continued from Page 1) in the midst of the life-and-death struggle in Spain.

And now, to repair their sagging fences, the Trotskyites in California have started a big ballyhoo campaign for enlistments for Spain, which may trap some honest anti-Fascists who are unaware of their role. Eugene V. Debs, whose glorious name has been usurped by the Trotskyites for the so-called Debs Brigade, would turn over in his grave if he knew how it was being used to cloak their attacks on the Spanish People's Front.

We greet the desire of many workers and anti-Fascists to join the International Column which has already made history in the defense of Madrid. But it is possible to believe that the Trotskyites who are daily attacking the People's Front of Spain, are interested in aiding that People's Front? Are they raising funds to fight the Fascists in Spain, or to fight the Spanish People's Front, which represents the overwhelming majority of the Spanish people, the workers, the peasants, the middle classes, and includes in the united front, the Socialist Party of Spain, the Communist Party, the trade unions, the Syndicalists, and all defenders of democracy and foes of Fascism?

If, according to the Trotskyites, Spanish workers and peasants are in the Fascist armies because they have "nothing to fight for," if the Spanish Front Government is a "capitalist government opposed to the interests of the Spanish people," then who would the Trotskyites suggest that the debt bri-

## WARN HITLER



FOREIGN MINISTER Yvon Delbos of the Blum government in France, who warned Hitler to stop movement of Nazi troops to Spain and Morocco.

## Progressives Back Shelley, Schmidt And Dillon in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Lawrence Palacios may withdraw as candidate for vice-president, and E. F. Dillon as candidate for secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council. Dillon is a candidate for international vice-president of the Machinists and would not be able to fill both posts if elected.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nominations for 1937 officers of the San Francisco Labor Council, opened last Friday night, saw John Shelley, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers so far unopposed for president, to succeed Ed Vandeleur, who will not run for re-election.

Shelley, who was nominated by Dan Murphy of the Pressmen, was seconded by Burke of the Pressmen, Goldblatt of the Warehousemen and Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers.

For vice-president, nominations so far made are Henry Schmidt, president of I.L.A. Local 39-79; Loty of the Chaffeurs, and Pallados of the Laundry Workers.

Only two nominations for secretary were made Friday—John O'Coppell, reactionary incumbent, and Ed Dillon, of the Machinists, a progressive.

Nominations were also opened for members of the executive board, organizing board, and other committees.

Progressives have been urged to back Shelley, Schmidt, and Dillon for the major posts.

Nominations will close next Friday, and elections will take place the Friday following.

## Labor Aids Body Against Nazism in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Committee to Combat Nazism and anti-Semitism will hold a meeting on Saturday, January 30, at 830 Market St., Rm. 516.

Urged by Dr. Horwitz of the Committee, the San Francisco Central Labor Council will send a delegate and speaker.

# A Special Maritime Strike Page of News and Features

## THAT HAWAII "RELIEF-SHIP" PROFITEERING

**Scheme Exposed As Plan to Make Hay While Sun Shines**

**By a Sailor**  
SAN FRANCISCO—Like a cargo of barbed wire shipped to the Eskimos in the '34 strike, the latest dope on the Honolulu "relief ship" turns out to be a nicely planned scheme on the part of an island beer merchant to do a little profiteering now that the source of cooling fluid has been shut off.

### Where It Originated

Information is that the "relief ship" idea arose in the mind of a Mr. Miyamoto, a clever Japanese gentleman who in addition to running a wholesale liquor business also "runs" the Democratic Party of Hawaii. So Mr. Miyamoto sent his man Friday, John Wilson, the Honolulu postmaster and leading Democrat up here by Clipper ship on the pretext of getting a relief ship to Honolulu at once.

But Mr. Wilson's scheme has fallen by the wayside. After listing a few items such as rice, milk, sugar and the like, Wilson suggested that some beer might just as well be sent along as well, for ballast, we presume.

On this proposition the Coast Policy Committee contacted the strikers in Honolulu and were notified that there was plenty of food in Honolulu. The only trouble being that the big companies are keeping it in their warehouses so as to raise the prices sky high, profiteering.

Latest reports are that Mr. Wilson has gone to Washington to see the president. Judging from the way the Republicans cleaned up in the last elections down Hawaii way, there won't be much sympathy for Mr. Wilson around the White House.

## Reduction Men In Condition Demands

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The following resolution was passed by the Reduction Workers and unions adopted by all unions represented aboard the fish reduction boat "Polarine."

To the Master of the Polarine: Whereas: It has been a custom to postpone the hour of sailing from port after regular time has been postponed on the gangplank, and

Whereas: This procedure is not satisfactory to all concerned and creates misunderstanding between ship's crew and officers.

Therefore be it resolved: The sailing date and hour in the future shall be posted on blackboard twenty-four hours prior to leaving dock.

The crew shall be required to be on board one-half hour before sailing.

If the vessel is not ready to sail through no fault of the ship's crew or member thereof within one hour after specified time set for sailing, time shall be postponed not less than twelve hours from previous time set.

Signed: RAY BRANHAM, Fish Reduction Workers Delegate; Endorsed: Sailors Delegate; Engineers Delegate; Mates Delegate; Stewards Delegate; Firemen's Delegate.

**Sailing Date**  
This boat has been scheduled to sail at a specified time on several occasions and has failed to actually sail for hours after the men have been gone aboard. Especially on New Year's Eve they were to sail at 6 p.m. and instead of sailing the men were told at the end of each hour they were sailing in another hour, until it was too late for them to go any place and then they were informed the ship would sail at 6 p.m. New Year's day.

The men are getting tired of being called aboard to find when they awake in the morning that the ship is still in port.

**Pay-Day Delay**  
Pay days are scheduled for the first and fifteenth of each month. But pay has not been received for days after it was due. They send the checks out to the men at sea. But what good does a man's money do him when he is thirty miles out in the Pacific Ocean? The men have demanded that the pay is received on the specified date from now on.

The fish reduction workers union is a very young union but we can see by their recent activities they have learned if they are going to get what is right

### AID STRIKE!



JAMES W. FORD, outstanding Negro Communist leader, who appealed to Negroes to aid the maritime strikers, and not to allow themselves to be used against the strike in any way.

### OUR FIGHT!



EARL KING (above), E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner must be freed by a determined labor campaign. These Marine Firemen members haven't flinched in the face of the Pt. Lobos frame-up.

## All This Happened On Scabby Vessels

Here are some reports of what happened when scabs manned ships in the East Coast strike. All these occurred within the recent period.

### THE AMERICAN TRAVELLER

The scab-manned S. S. "American Traveller" arrived back in the port of New York several days ago. Her return is a miracle, considering the following hazards of the voyage:

Sailing from New York with a scab crew a month ago, she was soon endangered by their ignorance and incompetence. The scabby radio operator assigned to the ship by the R. C. A. could not transmit messages and was unable to obtain any radio bearings to determine the ship's position. He was replaced by a junior engineer, an ex-navy man. For three days the ship was lost, ploughing through heavy seas under dark skies, in total ignorance of her position. Due to the heavy weather, most of the inexperienced crew were laid up with seasickness, and were useless.

In London the third assistant engineer and the chief cook jumped ship, no doubt because they believed she would never make their home port with such a crew. On her return to New York, sixty-five per cent of the scab crew were logged for not turning-to in London.

### THE EXCAMBION

A scab fireman on the S. S. "Excambion" in New York harbor was ordered to pump the bilges. With a "Yes, SIR!" he flew around opening valves and started a pump. Imagine his surprise when he found that he had emptied a full tank of fuel oil containing 1500 barrels into the harbor!

Aside from being ignorant of the proper valves to open or close, most scabs don't even know how to open or close any valve.

Yet shipowners who cry about their responsibility for safety of ships and passengers will hire these dangerous incompetents by the scores!

### THE EXETER

The scab-manned S. S. "Exeter" had engine trouble and broke down in the Mediterranean. A salvage vessel had to put out and tow her in to port.

This is a late news flash, and we are not in possession of the full details, but we will bet 10 to 1 that this steam turbine ship broke down as a result of inexperienced scab oilers and engineers.

### THE DILLWYN

Carefully censored reports disclose that the scab-manned tanker, S. S. "Dillwyn" had an explosion aboard, in which one scab was killed and another was seriously injured. The greatest secret is being kept in regards to this example of the "experienced" scabs being used by the East Coast shipowners in their effort to break the strike.

### THE SANTA ELENA

Of course you have heard that the Grace Line's crack luxury liner, "Santa Elena," piled up on the rocks off the Columbian coast near Cartagena a few days ago, and was towed into Cristobal for repairs. This ship, owned by the United States Government and operated by the Grace Lines, is scab-manned.

### THE LEBORE

We have previously published an account of the scab-manned S. S. "Lebore" crashing into the Britisher "Thurland Castle" in the raging seas of placid Chesapeake Bay off Sparrow's Point, Md.

### THE CITY OF FORT WORTH

Also we printed an item telling of the head-on crash of the "scab-manned" "City of Fort Worth" into a stone jetty in the mountainous swells of the Delaware river at Fort Mifflin, smashing twenty-six bowplates of the vessel. It seems the stubborn stone jetty would not shift to port or starboard to give the scab ship right of way.

### THE EVELYN AND THE RICHMOND

The scab-manned Bull Line freighter "Evelyn" and the Standard Oil tanker "Richmond" collided in the Chesapeake area a few days ago. The "Richmond," carrying a full complement of thirty-nine scabs, managed to limp into the port of Baltimore under her own power.

### A UNION CREW MEANS SAFETY!

All these disasters due to lack of seamanship of scab crews prove to that a Union crew means safety for you. All Union crews are composed of experienced and capable Seamen, Mates, Engineers and Masters.

All scab crews are dangerous, both to themselves, the passengers, the safety of ship and cargo, as well as to all other craft in their immediate vicinity.

### Nazis Finagle In Chile to Get War Nitrates Supplies

SANTIAGO, Chile—Nazi influence succeeded in getting renewal of the Chilean-German trade agreement, providing importation into Germany of 80,000 tons of Chilean nitrates annually, until June 30, 1938. Nitrates are needed by Hitler for his war preparations.

Fully theirs they are going to have to fight for every bit they get. They have learned that they alone can accomplish these things—that the employers are not going to do it for them. Organized labor must stick together if we are going to accomplish anything which is beneficial to us. More power to the Fish Reduction Workers and all other unions combined.

The fish reduction workers union is a very young union but we can see by their recent activities they have learned if they are going to get what is right

### E. Coast Shipowners Comb Farms in Mid-West to Get Scabs

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The following ad is from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of December 20th: "WANTED, SEAMEN AND WIRELESS OPERATORS. American citizens to man American Flag steamers in Coastwise and Foreign Trades. Ex-navy men and others who can qualify as Able Seamen and Wireless Operators. GOOD PAY—GOOD FOOD—GOOD LODGINGS—UNION CONDITIONS. Apply by wire to LYKES BROS. SHIPMENT COMPANY, INC., SWITZERLY Bldg., New Orleans."

East Coast shipowners are frantically dragging the farms and the entire country inland in a futile effort to get scab seamen.

## LAWYERS SEND LETTER TO F. D. ON FINK BOOK

### Urge President to Seriously Take Up Amendments

NEW YORK—The International Juridical Assn., composed of progressive-minded lawyers, has written President Roosevelt to seriously consider the amendments sought by maritime unions to the Copeland Act. The letter follows:

"In view of the Report on the Status and Working Conditions of Seamen in the American Merchant Marine prepared under supervision and submission to the Department of Commerce last spring, the International Juridical Association has received many requests to analyze and comment at greater length upon H.R. 2597, approved as Public Act 803, enacted at the last session of Congress, among other things to Amend Section 13 of the Act of March 4, 1915 and 'To Maintain Discipline on Shipboard.' We have given mature consideration to this legislation and have carefully weighed its significance and practical consequences.

### What It Will Do

"Such deliberation leads us to the conclusion that it will fail of its avowed purpose to promote greater safety at sea and will, by creating discontent and a feeling of discrimination and injustice among seamen, greatly aggravate the already existing personnel problems of the Merchant Marine. We, therefore, urge that the effective date of this Act be indefinitely postponed, and that legislation amending it be enacted at the forthcoming session of Congress.

### Wide Protest

"Widespread protest has been directed particularly against Section 4551 which provides for the issuance of continuous discharge books. We are of the opinion that such protests are well-founded. Seamen are already supplied with ample means of identification in the able seaman and lifeboat certificates which they carry, as well as their passports. Since the discharge book is in no way a certificate of fitness, it cannot be justified as a means of assuring competent crews. Instead it provides a weapon to be used against the seamen who justly fear it as a potential means of destroying their organization."

**Colonel Sanborn once took his Red Herring Out walking to give it an airing; It had quite a lark With a stray in the park: Hence the Trotzkyite pups it is bearing.\***

**5**

**Mr. R. Stanley Dollar, the shipper, Can't tell the North Star from the Dipper; He can't even discern Twixt the stem and the stern, Yet he draws more dough than the skipper.**

**6**

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**7**

**A scullion, while cleaning the sink, Was alarmed by a terrible stink; He pulled out the stopper And there in the hopper Was scabby Lee Holman the fink.**

**8**

**Mayor Rossi was fond of oration By means of the broadcasting station;**

**Said he, they can't very Well boo or raspberry Or egg me from this situation.**

**\*Poet Quirin might be referring to the "American Citizen" of December 31, which quotes approvingly a red-baiting diatribe by Barney Mayes, former Trotzkyite editor of the Voice of the Federation, and then adds: "Barney Mayes' ousting is just another victory for 'Red Harry' and his gang and a loss for the strikers."—Ed. Note.**

## Lakes Seamen in Fight on Scabbing

### Boston Sailors Hold on to Hall

By NANCY BROWN

I had lunch yesterday at the strikers' relief kitchen at Old Saint Louis College.

It was not the kind of lunch that cooks and chefs on strike here in Honolulu are accustomed to serving the ladies and gentlemen who occupy suites on America's finest luxury liners.

But it was lunch—good substantial beef stew—plenty of it and 500 men ate and were satisfied.

The coffee that followed the stew and completed the meal was excellent.

"There are few complaints," Chef Carl Frankenstein, told me as he watched his helpers in the spacious St. Louis kitchen ladle out the stew. "The strike is a serious business. A good union man never complains about this scabbing practice to go on, Cleveland, and Chicago. In Chicago the scabby work is done by a certain Frank Johnson, with Secretary Goshow's approval. In Cleveland, it is done by the Agent, Sullivan and Oscar Carlson, discredited secretary of the Atlantic Coast Firemen's Union.

Carlson is the shrewd union brother who does the shopping and R. C. Gerard is in charge of the messroom. The regular kitchen help, scullions and messmen changes from day to day. Seventeen men are on the kitchen force every day. Not a single case of indigestion has been reported to the Marine Medical Officer yet.

Slain is the provided", said Mrs. Adams, "and we are not going to permit those men to starve."

"This is an emergency situation and needs immediate remedy," she added.

Slain admitted that something had to be done, but stated that "there are only two ways to do this: through an act of Congress or through an act of the State legislature."

"When a man is hungry, he can't wait for legislative action," quickly retorted one of the seamen.

Finally Slain agreed to communicate the demands of the Seamen and the Workers' Alliance to Harold Pomeroy, State Relief Administrator and to William Young, head of the Citizens'

Relief Committee.

Until he receives a reply from

them, Slain said, he could make

no answer to the committee. He

promised, to phone them Wednesday morning.

Condemning the suggestion of

Slain that the men be fed in

soup-kitchens, Mrs. Adams

stated, "The Workers' Alliance

resents soup-kitchens relief. We

demand that these men be paid

individual checks—they have a

right to individual freedom".

The problem of transient un-

employed is particularly acute in

San Pedro as there are about

800 members of the Seamen's

Union of the East Coast on

strike there. In addition to these

men, Mrs. Adams estimated that

there were at least 300 strikers

aid to these transient workers

and forcing them to become a

drag on the other unions.

Work With Shipowners

It has been apparent all along that the relief authorities

throughout the state have been

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**People's Campaign Is Launched**

WITH THE CLOSE of the California People's Legislative Conference, the campaign for the enactment of the people's bills, and for the defeat of the reactionary measures, must first begin.

On February fourth, the state legislators return home to consider and weigh the various measures up before the Assembly and the Senate. Until March 1st, the theory is, they are supposed to consult their constituents, and be prepared to vote in accordance with the interests of the electors.

This period must be utilized fully by the delegates to the Legislative Conference, who should enlist the aid of all progressive organizations, in forming delegations to visit the legislators, urging them to support the progressive and defeat the reactionary measures.

Trade unions and other organizations which for one reason or another found it impossible to send delegates to the Sacramento conference, are urged to affiliate with the conference now—and send delegates to work with the committees of the conference in the various localities.

It will take a mass campaign to force the legislature to act favorable on these vital people's bills, and only the whole-hearted support of all progressive organizations can guarantee victory.

**Blindfolded Liberty**

WHEN NEWS first reached the Spanish workers that a shipment of planes, clothing and other supplies had been cleared by the American Government, there was much rejoicing.

"The United States," the Spanish workers said, "is a true friend of democracy; the United States remembers their own 'eyes across the sea' when 12 colonies were fighting for liberty."

But the Spanish workers were due for bitter disillusionment and disappointment. The amendment recently rushed through prohibiting shipment of war material to the Spanish Republic was a distinct slap in the face of democracy, a flagrant violation of those principles for which the torch of Liberty, upraised in New York harbor, is supposed to symbolize.

This direct aid to the Hitler and Mussolini Fascists was hailed with glee by the Nazis and blackshirts Fascists. They interpreted the act as indicative of official American friendliness to Fascism. And how else could they interpret it, in face of the facts?

This stigma on traditional American friendship for the forces of liberty must be wiped out!

We urge all of our readers to communicate with their Congressmen, and demand the repeal of this amendment recently rushed through congress. It makes the so-called neutrality act into an instrument of American alliance with the barbaric Fascist invaders of Democratic Spain!

The Statue of Liberty faces across the sea—toward Spain. Until the affront against the forces of democracy is wiped out, until the United States treats the Republic of Spain as a friendly nation—the Statue of Liberty should wear a blindfold, in token of her shame.

**Irish-American Fight for Freedom**

BRITISH imperialists have learned the costly lesson, over a long number of years, that the Irish are a liberty-loving people, ready to fight heroically for their freedom. The Irish-Americans are carrying forward that gallant tradition.

Under the leadership of Peadar Nunn, teacher and poet, and Pat Quinlan, of the Irish World, a number of prominent Irish-American leaders are starting a nation-wide campaign to aid the struggle of the Spanish workers against Fascism. An eastern regional conference has been called, and will be followed by others in other parts of the country.

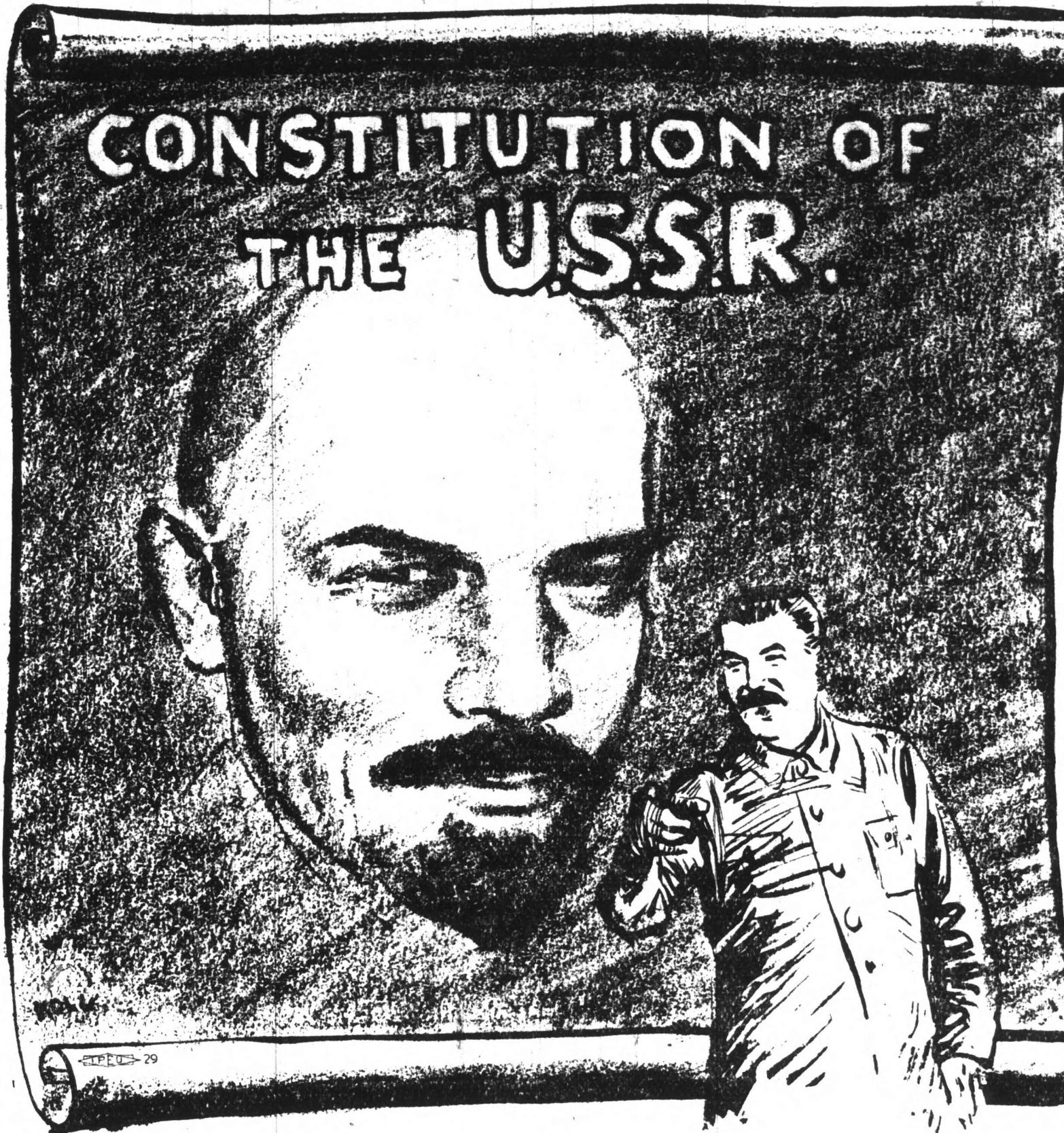
Irish-Americans of California are urged to take part in this anti-Fascist campaign. This struggle is not only for the defense of democracy in Spain, but for the defense of the world forces of democracy against Fascism and Fascist threats. A telling blow for the

Napoleon once shrewdly observed that: "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions." If the unemployed workers, supported by the employed workers in trade unions and other progressive organizations, put sufficient pressure to bear upon Roosevelt and Congress—an adequate standard of relief can be won.

**Glorifying Murder**

MUSSOLINI says: "Above all, Fascism believes neither in the possibility nor in the utility of perpetual peace... War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy, and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it... Thus a doctrine which is founded upon this harmful postulate of peace is hostile to Fascism."

Alongside "Il Duce," Al Capone is a pleasant guy!

**The Highest Form of Democracy Ever Known****The Communist Parties and The Heritage of Lenin**

By TOM PATTERSON

NO DEPARTED leader or exemplary figure is honored in memory whose life and work does not give direction and impulse to those who remain behind.

One who put his imprint on destiny is Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, whom we know as Lenin. He was born April 22, 1870, in Simbirsk. He died on January 21, 1924, in Nizni-Novgorod, near Moscow, as the eventual result of an assassin's bullet four years earlier. His works are evident in every country in the world. His works have not stopped.

No one living in America today, whether he likes it or not, can escape the knowledge that the Soviet Union, great liberating reorganizer of humanity, has in itself written the name of Lenin in letters so indelible as never to be erased.

But the path opened by Lenin does not stop at the borders of the Soviet Union, and the name of Lenin is clearly written on the organized struggle of those who toil under the oppression of capitalism and imperialism in every country of the world. The dawn that broke with seeming suddenness over Russia in 1917 casts a bright glow of hope for those struggling against imperialism in the Orient and against Fascism in Spain and France.

**Lenin's Work Has Meaning Now**

Although the President has asked for this amount—there is still a good chance of putting sufficient pressure on Congress to vote for a still larger appropriation for the period ending July 1st, the beginning of the next fiscal year. The Workers' Alliance calls for an appropriation of \$1,250,000,000 as being the minimum required to maintain adequate relief. Whether or not this full amount can be won depends largely upon the action of the people between now and the date Congress votes on the appropriation.

The battle being waged is between the reactionary Big Business interests and the people of the United States, who re-elected the President on a platform of fighting for the immediate needs of the people. Roosevelt will swing toward the side which exerts the heaviest pressure.

The people of Spain, fighting against the open attack of Fascism, against capitalism's most ruthless and desperate efforts to continue itself, accept to an increasingly large degree the guidance and counsel of Lenin's heritage, the Communist International, as represented by the Communist Party of Spain; and 150,000 Catalonians headed by their president celebrated on May 1st the anniversary and proclaimed their appreciation of another great heritage of Lenin, the Soviet Union.

It was Karl Marx who first traced with penetrating clarity the process by which capitalism creates this oppression, but it was Lenin in a later and more opportune period who devised the organization to end it and

who gave life to this organization, first in the Bolshevik Party of Russia and later in the Communist International.

**Analyzed Imperialist Stage of Capitalism**

It was Lenin also who clearly disclosed the trend of capitalism in its highest stage, the stage of imperialism, when monopolies and finance capital are dominant, when increased foreign investments take on a special significance through being used to influence or dominate the countries or colonies in which they are invested, when international trusts begin the division of the world, and when the stronger capitalist nations have completed the division of the territories of the globe among themselves.

It was this cut-throat scramble for colonies and markets that caused the imperialist war of 1914-18. It was the war that increased privation, aroused mass discontent to a greater pitch and weakened the resistance of capitalism to the point where the Russian working class under Lenin's leadership was able to break the chain of imperialism at its weakest link, to seize power and begin the building of a socialist state and industry.

They did not do so unaided. They allied themselves with every political party and every individual who opposed the Czar and the Czarist system and who was willing to fight against it.

Having defeated this stronghold reaction only to find themselves still faced with landlords, capitalist factory owners and their puppet politicians, they carried out a second revolution. This time it was a revolution to establish socialism.

**They could not have held this power against the invasion of the combined intervention of 14 imperialist nations, who either sent in armies or supported mercenary armies, had it not been for the aid of workers organizing support and protest from all parts of the world.**

Even at home they did not fight unaided. They had the support of millions of peasants, support of millions of peasants,

in every struggle that the Bolsheviks undertook, Lenin taught them to concentrate against their most reactionary, most formidable enemy. He taught them the united front. He taught them to ally themselves with all possible allies for the moment, even though these allies for the moment were not in favor of Socialism.

**A Part of the Fight for Socialism**

Lenin knew that this was the way to fight for Socialism. He knew that only Socialism would end hunger, desolation, oppression and war. He knew that, if the masses continued to fight against the most reactionary elements who were causing hunger and war, their own experience would bring them consciously into the fight for Socialism.

Lenin also knew that this would not take place automatically. It had to be organized and guided by the Bolshevik Party, the Communist Party. The members of this party had the

task to be not only the most sincere and energetic fighters and most capable leaders of the working class; they had the task of patiently convincing the masses that capitalism must be overthrown. They had to build the Communist Party, recruiting into it the best elements of the working class, of peasantry and of intellectuals who were not corrupted by the old regime.

**They built the Communist Party, they recruited for it, because without it they could never have overthrown either the Czar or the capitalist government that followed him.**

The Lenin heritage today is represented first and foremost by the Soviet Union.

This is true not in spite of the international role and significance of Lenin's work and teaching, but because of it.

Where capitalism has produced the terrible fruit of Fascism and the worst form of vile tyranny and war provocation in Germany, Italy and Japan, the Soviet Union is leading the fight of the socialist and all democratic peace forces of the world into united action against the chief menace, against the most reactionary opponents of democracy and the struggle for peace, who are also the bitterest enemies of socialism.

This fight for peace is part of the fight for Socialism. It contributes to the fight for Socialism by concentrating all possible opposition against the most open, direct and dangerous enemies of both peace and Socialism. It draws the democratic forces closer to the open struggle for Socialism which must be carried on at the same time.

**Soviets Brought Change in World Lineup**

Prior to 1917 the struggle for Socialism was carried on in a world whose chief contradiction was reflected in the cut-throat fight of two great imperialist combinations, one headed by Germany and the other by Great Britain. That situation no longer remains the same.

**Today the big contradiction is between the Socialist Soviet Union on the one hand and capitalism in the remaining five-sixths of the world's habitable territory.**

But the cut-throat struggle still goes on between groupings of capitalist governments. The international working class, guided by the peace policy of the Soviet Union and aided by the tremendous force of the Soviet Union in international politics, is utilizing every difference that arises between capitalist powers to stop the drive toward war, to defeat the prime menace of Fascism in company with democratic allies, which will further the struggle for Socialism.

Just as Lenin taught the Bolshevik Party and the Russian workers to fight in alliance with all organizations and elements who were willing to fight against this most reactionary oppressor, the teachings of Lenin in today guide the workers to lead in the formation of People's Fronts, uniting all people who are opposed to tyranny of Fascism and the war which

Fascism is so desperately striving to provoke.

**Soviets as Leader And Exemplar**

It is the Soviet Union, then, which leads the fight for peace, the fight for Socialism. But it is also the Soviet Union which furnishes the living example of the overwhelming success of Socialism:

1. Through the growing plenitude, and increasingly better life for all who toil in the Soviet Union, as contrasted to the growing privation and food shortage under capitalism, especially under Fascism.

2. Through the tremendous enthusiasm generated by the new Soviet constitution and its unprecedented extension of democracy, made possible by the success of Socialist construction under the leadership of Joseph Stalin.

Who are the opponents of the Soviet peace policy, and of the tactics of the peoples' front which strengthens the fight against Fascism and war internationally?

The Fascists are the main opponents. Theirs are the plans that are primarily being stopped. Their opposition is a testimonial to its correctness and effectiveness. They represent the most ruthless and callous form of capitalism.

The Trotskyites are opposed to it. And who are they?

They are a sect which has opposed Leninism from the day of the inception of the Bolshevik Party in its organized form in 1903. They are led by a man named Leon Trotsky whom Lenin found it necessary to denounce again and again throughout his whole leadership of the Bolshevik Party and the Communist International.

They are a sect which denied that Socialism could be built in the Soviet Union until the workers of the entire world had carried out a socialist revolution. They are a sect which fought the plan of rapid socialist construction in the Soviet Union and attempted to sabotage it after it was started. In doing so, they proved that they were in reality capitalist elements who covered themselves with the label of Communism in order to oppose this socialist construction.

They are the provocative agents of Fascism. Their opposition is further testimony to the correctness and effectiveness of the peace policy of the Soviet Union and the peoples' front movement. In California they have gained the leadership of the Socialist Party, confusing some Socialists into following.

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**AS WE SEE IT**

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

**Lenin and the Party**

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO, when the world proletariat lost its guiding genius, Lenin, enemies gloated and friends of the Russian Revolution had fears and misgivings. The capitalist ruling class, which from the first had never given the young Soviet Republic more than a few months to live, revived its predictions of disaster. They hailed every difficulty through which the young giant was passing, in its growing pains, as the signal for the long-awaited catastrophe.

Soviet Russia had just passed through a period of civil war, in which the workers and peasants had to fight off the armies of foreign intervention from without, and the counter-revolutionary remnants of the former ruling class from within. Under the New Economic Policy, she had plunged into the gigantic task of restoring and rebuilding shattered industry and agriculture, clearing the ground work for the building of Socialism.

The enemy who had loudly predicted that the New Economic Policy meant a "return to capitalism," greeted the news of Lenin's death with revived hopes and prophecies of the failure of the "Bolshevik experiment," the return to capitalism, the fall of the Soviet power, etc.

They said: "Now that the leader is gone, you will see dissension break up the unity of the Bolshevik party, and that is the beginning of the end." But the fond wish that was father to the thought was never realized.

They gleefully greeted, with vain expectations, the struggle which Trotsky renewed against the Bolshevik party after Lenin's death; it was not the first time, for the Bolshevik party under Lenin's and Stalin's leadership was forged and steered in Leninist principles by an unrelenting struggle against Trotskyism. "Trotsky distorts Bolshevism and the history of the revolution," Lenin said. But the Party of Lenin proved itself worthy of its great leader, when it crushingly repudiated Trotsky and Trotskyism, and continued unwaveringly on the Leninist path to the completion of the gigantic task of building of the foundations of a Socialist state, while Trotskyism degenerated to counter-revolution and the use of the Fascist weapon of assassination.

The victory of Socialism was possible because of the magnificent heritage which Lenin left. It was possible because the teachings of Leninism (the theory and practice of Marxism in the epoch of imperialism) live today in the Bolshevik Party which Lenin founded and built (now the Communist Party of the Soviet Union), and in the leadership of Stalin, Lenin's greatest disciple.

Leninism lives in the Communist International, which holds aloft the banner of Lenin in every land, and of which the Communist Party of the U. S. is a proud section. We are proud to be a brother party to that party under whose leadership Socialism is advancing to new triumphs, climaxed by the establishment of the new Soviet Constitution.

At a time when Fascism is raising its ugly head in every capitalist country, when it is beating the war drums and attempting to drown Spain in blood, our Party under the banner of Lenin is forging the People's Front to stem the tide of Fascism and war, to defend democracy and peace, as the most important link, in the present historic moment, for the winning of the masses to Socialism. These great tasks require a strong, mass Bolshevik Party, permeated with the principles of Leninism.

The greatest honor we can do to the memory of Lenin, on the thirteenth anniversary of his death, is to pledge anew to build our Party into such a Party, and to learn well the teachings of Lenin.

In concrete terms, this means for every member of the Party to resolve to become a better working-class fighter by enriching and deepening his understanding of Leninism, and by recruiting the best of his fellow-workers into the Communist Party. A strong, mass Party that can effectively mobilize the masses to fight Fascism and war by building an American People's Front, a Farmer Labor Party, will bring nearer the final triumph of Socialism, and is the greatest monument we can build to the memory of Lenin.

ing to provoke.

**Defeated, they resort to terrorism**

Defeated and expelled from the Communist Parties of the world for refusal to be guided by its democratic majority, which follows Leninist policies, isolated from the masses, they turned to counter-revolutionary terror.

Their bitterest hatred, naturally, is directed toward Joseph Stalin whose leadership of socialist construction and whose guidance of the world fight for peace has so thoroughly exposed them as elements hostile to the working class and to the fight for world peace.

They organized the assassination of Sergei Kirov in Leningrad in 1934 and attempted to organize the assassination of Stalin and others in 1935. They stoned the Spanish People's front in the back by demanding its dissolution and the separation of the socialist-minded workers of Spain from their allies who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with them against the open invasion of the Fascist cutthroats.

They are the opponents of the Soviet peace policy, and of the tactics of the peoples' front which strengthens the fight against Fascism and war internationally.

The Fascists are the main opponents. Theirs are the plans that are primarily being stopped. Their opposition is a testimonial to its correctness and effectiveness. They represent the most ruthless and callous form of capitalism.

They denounce and defame trusted leaders of the West Coast maritime workers whose leadership has brought tremendous gains to these workers and whose present policies are endorsed again and again whenever the maritime workers meet.

Their writings are quoted with approval by the capitalist press, especially the Hearst press, and by the Fascist "American Citizen."

The New York Times, leading organ of finance capital, has devoted columns of publicity space and approving comment on writings and activities of Trotskyites. Known Trotskyites find it easy to assume strategic positions on the editorial staffs of many capitalist papers where a Communist would be fired in a minute

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## Two Giants: A Great Teacher and His Greatest Pupil



LENIN is dead, from the bullet of a miserable assassin, but Leninism lives in the incomparable achievements of the workers who carried out the building of Socialism as he visualized and outlined it. Leninism lives in the struggle against Fascism and war, which is part of the struggle for Socialism internationally. Leninism lives in the brilliant leadership of Lenin's best disciple and successor, Joseph Stalin.

## Actress Fired For Demanding Continued WPA

LOS ANGELES.—On Monday, January 11, Maude Fealy, actress and worker on the Federal Theater Project, spoke at a meeting of the Professional Projects Councils urging organization of project workers. On Wednesday, January 13, Miss Fealy was dismissed for the asserted reason of "lack of cooperation."

Immediately Miss Fealy protested. Four other workers on the project joined her, charging J. Howard Miller, director of the theater projects in 18 western states, with favoritism, irregularities, and waste.

The result was that Charles E. Goranson, agent in charge of the Federal Division of Investigation at San Francisco, arrived in Los Angeles Friday to conduct an investigation.

### Invited to Testify

Strictest secrecy is being maintained by Goranson. But it was learned that five telegrams were sent to the five complainants to appear before the investigators Friday afternoon.

For months the theater project has been the scene of numerous disturbances and discriminations.

Only a month ago, workers on the project sent a telegram to President Roosevelt charging Director Miller with favoritism. The trouble was climaxed early this week when the Democratic County Central Committee noted the "inefficiency" of the leaders of the project and recommended that a change be made in the officials.

Following the statement of the Democratic County Committee, George Gerwing, state director of the project with offices in Los Angeles, asked for an "impartial investigation" by government authorities.

### What She Said

At the meeting of the Professional Projects Councils, two days before she was dismissed, Miss Fealy had said:

"We are organizing to insure the continuance of the WPA. The WPA must be continued to prevent strife, and perhaps, revolution."

Luring the same meeting, Pat Callahan, Los Angeles organizer for the Workers' Alliance, showed how it was only through the organization and militant actions of the workers' Alliance that President Roosevelt was forced to issue Bulletin No. 158 giving the right to bargain collectively to the project workers.

Even then, the labor movement had its Bill Greens and Paul Scharrerbergs.

These European fakers—Karl Kautsky, Edward Bernstein and the Russian Mensheviks in particular—did their work under the cloak of Marxism. They claimed to be socialists. That made them all the more dangerous. But, even though they quoted Marx to the skies, still they ended up in the same old spot, working hand in hand with the capitalists.

In war time the stakes were high. They sold out not one strike, collaborated with the bosses not in one industry; they delivered virtually the whole labor movement over to the capitalists' war. It is to the credit of Rosa Luxembourg that she took the lead in exposing Bernstein and Kautsky to the workers of Europe at a time when these people were the overshadowing and most dangerous enemies of peace.

Liebknecht and Luxembourg gave a purpose to the lives of the generation that follow them. Together with Lenin, they hammered out of a mass of pussyfooting or super-patriotic ideas a real path to peace, and they organized what later became the Young Communist International, the organization through which young people are learning how to build a peaceful world.

In 1907 in Stuttgart, Germany, at the congress of the Socialist international, Liebknecht, together with Lenin, overrode the greybeards of the socialist movement and organized the first socialist youth league.

Came 1915, and the German war lords threw Rosa into prison for her peace activities. Letters and pamphlets came from her cell by scores. Finally, at the end of the war, German labor threw out the Kaiser and opened her prison. She came out to plunge into a whirl of activities connected with organizing the Communist Party of Germany.

**She Fought the Biggest Sellout**

In 1919 the Socialist revolution of the German workers was put down by those same Social

Democrats who had supported the war. These "socialist" leaders, Noske, Ebert, Scheidermann, ordered the execution of Liebknecht and Luxembourg. On January 15 these two fighters for peace were shot.

No hypocrisy is too low for them. They talk of sending volunteers to Spain while they denounce and demand the dissolution of the Peoples' Front through which the Spanish workers are carrying on their heroic fight.

Who are they asking these volunteers to fight? What disruption would they attempt when they reach Spain? It is not

must organize for peace. War is undertaken by the wealthy to get new fields for investment and new markets. Just as you fight the rich every day for better conditions—fight against them for peace. And today—by every means possible force our government of the wealthy toward collaboration with the workers' Soviet Union to hold in check the desperate, Fascist countries, who are the main instigators of war.

This is a fight for peace. It is also a fight for Socialism.

Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxembourg organized the means to carry on this fight, the Young Communist International.

"I must say," said Lenin, "that the task of the youth in general, and of the Young Communist League in particular, may be summed up in one word—learn. . . . but the young generation can learn Communism only by linking every step in its studies with the continuous struggle of the proletarians who are waging against the old exploiting system. . . . In addition, 'Young people need the joy and force of life, healthy sport, many-sided intellectual interests, learning, studying, inquiring, as far as possible in common. . . . young people must enrich themselves with the knowledge of all the wealth created by mankind.'

There's something to fight for—peace and socialism. There's an organization that teaches how—the Young Communist League.

In January, 1937, the anniversary of their death, thanks, honor, or pledges of work to Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxembourg who, dead, give us through the Young Communist International, a life with a purpose.

Leninism lives in the Leninist leadership of Joseph Stalin, who guided the Soviet Union through its most trying period, whose leadership brought forth the new Soviet constitution, an unprecedented charter of freedom, and who today guides the international fight of the working class for peace and for socialism.

**JEWELRY GIVEN TO SPAIN**

LONDON.—As a British nurse wounded in Spain told of the issues at stake, women at a meeting to aid the Spanish medical unit piled wedding rings and jewelry on the platform.

Support the Workers' Press!

## LENIN MEMORIAL, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, TO BE CELEBRATED IN WESTERN WORKER'S DRIVE

### Letters of Readers Laud Western Worker

### Must Raise \$1460 Per Week to Drive End

Lincoln Memorial Day. Lincoln's Birthday.

These are both fitting occasions to organize special affairs promoting the drive for \$12,000 for the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, \$12,000 that must be raised by March 1st.

Special editions of the Western Worker will honor both of these occasions. Already Lenin Memorial meetings are announced in the four major counties of the state: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Alameda and San Diego.

**Carry the Fight Further**

Every city, county or section,

large or small, should immediately afterwards prepare to hold banquets, house parties or other affairs in honor of the American Emancipator who led the fight for abolishing chattel slavery in the United States.

Let's have memorial affairs for Lincoln, and the best memorial to Lincoln is the building of a movement to abolish the slavery of the workers and the misery of small farmers, lower middle class and oppressed minorities under capitalism. Support the Workers' Press in memory of Lincoln and Lenin!

Lincoln's birthday is February 12. Organize parties on week-end of the 12th, 13th and 14th. Contribute the proceeds toward your quota of the drive for the workers' press.

**Wilmington**

Dear Comrades:

Please find a enclosed P.O. money order for \$9, three dollars of which to apply on renewal of my subscription and \$6 for two enclosed one-year subs. Best regards to Comrades Ross and Patterson and with the best wishes for the continued success of our paper.

H.V.S.

**Red Bluff**

Western Worker:

I am sending \$1 donation for Western Worker Newspaper.

Miss M.

**Why We Need the Western Worker**

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed find \$4—three dollars for a subscription and \$1 donation to the paper. I like the Western Worker fine, but I am sorry to report that my fellow farmers have been stirred up by propaganda until they think the workers are their enemies.

Browder received eight votes in this county of Tehama, of which three were in my precinct that I know of. It took a lot of talking on my part to secure those two additional votes. My hopes have always been with the industrial workers. Comradely, A. J. K.

**Memorials Will Honor Lenin**

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front striker will also speak. The banner to the winning section in the recruiting drive, will be awarded. The Royal Hawaiians, Freiheit, Gebangs-Verein, and Bernice Mintz, pianist, will provide a musical program.

**Los Angeles Memorial**

Lawrence Ross, WESTERN WORKER editor, will speak at the Los Angeles memorial meeting in T.V.G. Hall, 936 West Washington Blvd., next Thursday, January 21, 8 p.m.

Lou Rosser, Negro youth leader, will also speak, with Betty Gannett, C. P. state educational director, as chairman. A musical program is planned, and the recruiting drive banner will be awarded.

The Oakland meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 8 p.m., at Danish Hall, 164 11th Street. Speaker will be George Maurer, acting C. P. organizer in Alameda County.

**San Diego Meeting**

Ross will also speak at the San Diego meeting on January 21, 8 p.m.

Under auspices of the WESTERN WORKER and the Cultural Center, a Lenin Memorial dance will be given next Saturday night, January 23, at 230 South Spring St., with the Dixie Melody Kings, a "hot" swing band. Admission is 25 cents.

The Santa Barbara Lenin Memorial Meeting is to be held at the Workers Center, 208 West Canon Perdido, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.

**Spanish Fascist Troops Trapped**

driving in an attempt to capture Malaga, important seaport.

**Soviets Expose Fake Non-Intervention**

(Continued From Page One)

MOSCOW.—The Soviet government, although it presently does not practice the dispatch of volunteer detachments, does not consider it expedient to adopt unilateral prohibitive measures," stated a note handed the British Ambassador by Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinov.

It was emphasized the note did not reject the British offer to effect a ban against enlistments in Spain, but pointed out the U.S.S.R. feels such measures now would be futile, unfair and premature, thereby aiding the Spanish Fascists.

"I consider it necessary to point out that in the Soviet government's opinion unilateral, prohibitive measures on the part of some participants in the London committee (on non-intervention) . . . will not only fail to accomplish the desired aim but will result in intervention in favor of the Fascists," the note said.

**Soviet Measures Refused**

Litvinoff said the Soviet Union had proposed measures for enforcement of non-intervention which did not depend on Spanish Fascists' consent.

"The committee failed to accept these," he said, and "the Soviet government again expressed a wish that the participants to the agreement immediately instruct their agents and ships in Spain to watch for arrival in Spain of volunteers or military contingents and report such cases for publication."

## San Diego Paper Fires Guild Man

**SAN DIEGO.—L. E. Claypool, columnist and editorial writer of the San Diego Sun, a Scripps-Howard paper, was fired from his job here last week.**

Claypool, active in progressive and labor circles, was long

bent under fire of the reactionary forces of this city. The pressure against him increased recently when he undertook the organization of the Newspaper Guild. His notice of discharge came without warning from the Sun's editor, Wagner White, and Claypool's column, Sunnyside, was abruptly discontinued.

## AIDS DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN FIGHT

**Communist Party of Cal. Lists More Donations**

MADRID—Short food supplies and a lack of warm clothing for the defenders of Spanish democracy was revealed here today, giving emphasis to the need for more support from international friends of democracy.

Donations of food and clothing are badly needed by the heroic fighters at Madrid, as well as medical supplies to care for the wounded.

### Have YOU Helped Spain?

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Further donations for the aid of the Spanish people were reported last week by the Communist Party of California, which immediately forwards all funds to the North American Committee for Aid of Spanish Democracy in New York City.

The donations were:

Previously acknowledged, \$1412.27; Menlo Park, \$6; V. Arnett, Palo Alto, 60 cents; S. F. Bookstore, \$5; Los Angeles County, \$5.25; A Friend, \$1; Fresno, \$3; A Friend, \$10; Dr. X, \$2; total received to date—\$1445.12.

Further donations should be sent to the state headquarters of the Communist Party, 121 Haight street, San Francisco.

The funds are being used by the North American Committee to purchase food, warm clothing, and medical supplies for the defenders of Spanish democracy.

## They Haven't Read the Hearst Press!



THESE KIDS, children of Red Army men, don't seem to dread Stalin, whom Hearst pictures as a bogey-man. Fact is, they love him, the outstanding leader who steers the Soviet ship toward a completely happy future for Soviet youth.

## Italian Soldiers Mutiny Against Order to Fight for Spain Fascists

MILAN—Population of this Italian city is still seething with the news of the sensational revolt some weeks ago of 500 Italian soldiers who mutinied against being sent to fight against the Spanish democratic government.

The soldiers were marching through the streets to the sta-

tion when, getting wind of the fact that they were to be sent to buttress the forces of Fascist General Franco in Spain, they began to shout in unison: "Not to Spain! Not to Spain!"

The troop shipment was halted, and Fascist police and militiamen arrested a number

of them.

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## BRITAIN STEPS TO SNARE U. S. FOR NEXT WAR

### U. S. Industry Helps British Re-Arm, As in 1916

LONDON—The ground work for drawing the United States into the next world war is being promoted by Great Britain, which is systematically involving American industry in its re-armament program, from industry to industry.

British tactic is the same as it was in 1916, when prosperity of American industry was made dependent upon Britain.

A remarkable growth in British orders for American metals and aircrafts came the last three months. Industrial machinery exports to Britain also rose 36 per cent during last October, as compared to October, 1935.

The New York Wall Street Journal comments on the new trend by saying that "Europe is tooling up" for war.

### Sunday Worker Issues New Map of Spain

A new map of Spain, showing the areas held by the loyalist Peoples' Front government and by the Fascists, has been printed by the Sunday Worker and is on sale in large numbers through Sunday Worker and Communist Party literature agents.

In a margin, the map is accompanied by information pertinent to the present Fascist invasion, together with photos of Dolores Ibaruri (La Pasionaria) and Julio Alvarez del Vayo, foreign minister of Spain.

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### Life Never Dull in Soviet Factory

Life in the Soviet factory is by no means dull, but is full

## Like a Vacation!

**San Francisco Worker Writes Experiences Working in a Soviet Union Factory**

By a San Francisco Fur Worker

KIEV, U.S.S.R.—I am at present in the Soviet Union working in a factory here, together with 4000 workers. Would I have been in San Francisco at present I would be out of work, for the fur season is long over and I would have to wait until enough profitable orders have been received in order to be given a chance to earn my livelihood.

Out here I was given work

immediately. There is no unemployment. On the contrary, I was told they could employ all the furriers of San Francisco.

### No Straw Bosses!

And, strange as it may sound to some American workers, there is no "boss" in our factory to make the lives of the workers miserable, and to grab profits for himself. The factory is managed by a shop committee in conjunction with the management, who are all workers. The workers do whatever necessary to turn out good work, and the administration does whatever possible to satisfy the needs of the workers.

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## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Bromann

American diplomats haven't changed, but they're not so frank and outspoken as they once were, due to the increased strength of labor and the revolutionary movement in the United States.

But back in 1919, David R. Francis, Ambassador to the old Czarist Russia, spoke out his opinion in no uncertain terms. Relative to the successful Russian revolution of October, 1917, and the creation of the Soviet Union, he said:

"The basic principle of the Soviet movement is to prevent the exploitation of one man by another. It is obviously an insane conception and does away with all accepted ideas of enjoyment."

Pleasant guys, these capitalists and their spokesmen! They really do enjoy seeing mass starvation, mass unemployment, murder on a world war scale, because all these result from the profit-system and exploitation. And the abolition of all these things by the triumph of Socialism in the Soviet Union, pains them beyond words to express.

If you want to check this quotation, see Page 2, Column 1, of the San Francisco Chronicle for February 3, 1919. You can find out interesting things by reading old copies of daily newspapers.

### Legislation for Washington . . .

In connection with the California People's Legislative Conference which met last week-end in Sacramento, it is of interest to note the program for legislation which the Washington Commonwealth Federation has adopted to push in its State Legislature.

Many bills are almost identical with labor bills for California, such as limiting functions of the Washington state patrol to highway duty, forbidding their use in strikes; repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act of that state; amendment to the workmen's compensation act to care for victims of occupational diseases; a larger old-age pension; and direct election by the people of the state labor relations board instead of appointment by the governor, which is particularly sought by the Lumber and Saw-mill Workers' Union.

Other bills being backed by the Washington Commonwealth Federation include a state youth act, setting aside funds to afford jobs and wider educational opportunities for unemployed youth; investigation of high telephone rates; a bill providing for establishment of state-owned gasoline storage plants, to be operated when private distributors charge prices so high as to create exorbitant profits.

The WCF is consistently working toward a Farmer-Labor Party, to provide a real apparatus to fight for the above needs.

**Democrats Are Undemocratic . . .** Assignments to important House of Representatives committees were approved last week in Washington, and showed very undemocratic procedure by the vast Democratic Party majority.

Farmer-Labor Party congressmen from Minnesota and Progressive Party congressmen from Wisconsin were unfairly discriminated against.

This is very much in line with the efforts of the Roosevelt administration to side-track and sabotage the growing Farmer-Labor Party movement. The way to halt these efforts is to start now in every state in the union to build Farmer-Labor movements, and thereby demonstrate that the movement toward undemocratic political action cannot be sidetracked.

### Wall St. and Democrats . . .

As we all know, Wall Street is still in business and in government, despite the licking its candidate, Alf Landon, took last November 3rd. These Fascism-mongered gentry are now taking full advantage of their opportunities through the Democratic Party, and these opportunities are not few.

Let's look at three Democratic congressmen, and the anti-democratic bills they have introduced against foreign-born workers:

Rep. Smith, of Virginia, introduced a bill against "criminal aliens" and omitting even provisions in the Labor Department favors.

Rep. Dickstein, New York, chairman of the House Immigration Committee, wants to make aliens temporarily in this country deportable if they promote or disseminate propaganda instigated abroad.

Rep. Sandowski, Michigan, introduced a bill to keep aliens from commuting from contiguous countries (Canada, Mexico) to work in the U.S.

These bills, and many others, speak Wall Street's Fascist program against the working people.

## CANDY BOSSES USE STOOLIES AGAINST UNION

### Homeward-Bound From Alaska Canaries

By an Alaska Canner  
(Continued from Last Issue)

**Worker Names Rats; Union Organized And Will Stay**

**By a Worker Correspondent**  
SAN FRANCISCO—It is a well known fact among candy workers that some of the bosses in the industry employ a sort of spy system in the shops, so that workers can stool on each other.

It is also well in mind that this ratty system was organized by the bosses on the heels of renewed attempts since 1931 by the workers to organize themselves in order to better their wages and other vile, inhuman conditions that exist in these shops.

### Proof of Stoolie System

Here is ample proof that this spy-system was organized for no other reason than to prevent the workers from organizing themselves. This spy-system was meant to keep the workers in the candy factories working like slaves, under insanitary and dangerous working conditions.

Most of the candy workers, especially those from the Pacific Coast Candy Company, remember that as soon as we began to talk union, Mr. Wright began to call us into his office one by one and invariably asking us this question: "What's this I hear about a union? About wages? About a strike? Is there anything that you think is wrong with your wages or your work or anybody, why don't you come to me by yourself and tell me about it?"

But if some one was foolish enough to do as he advised, the result was loss of his job, because Mr. Wright enjoys going around the plant bragging about his "cheap help," that \$12.40 per week is plenty for any candy maker's helper. And if you report that some machine was bad or dangerous, he'd tell you that he, not you, was running the plant. So his advice that "you should report everything to me myself," was later considered a joke.

### Bad "Doings" for Workers

The boss-spy system was organized in earnest at the Pacific Coast Candy Company about a year ago. You remember that one day about five minutes to 12, the floor boss came around telling everybody: "When the 12:30 whistle blows, don't go to work. There is something doing."

This "doing" was a meeting where we were told that a lot of talking was going around about certain parties, that if we had any talking to do, any complaints to make, to go to the office and tell Mr. Wright all about it.

### Stoolies Exposed

Mr. Wright evidently elected himself Chief G-Man, with Joe of the nougat department, and Al Cabellero of the hard-candy departments as second in command of the stoolie-pigeon outfit.

**Al Cabellero is a well known rat. So is Joe of the nougat department.**

The system of rats began to bear fruit. One morning the man in the icing room was missing. He was an intelligent, hard working man. He would even work overtime some days without pay. I asked a fellow worker: "What's wrong? Why isn't he here today?"

And the worker replied: "He went to a meeting. I think he was helping to organize a union." So he was fired.

### Someone Rated on Writer

Another case was that of the writer of this article. He was transferred from place to place because Mr. Wright liked his work, said he was a good worker, and his wages so "reasonable."

Yet one morning, when he was needed badly, the head shipping clerk told him:

"I'm sorry, I don't know what is the matter, but Mr. Wright told me not to let you go to work this morning."

Later I found that some one had told the boss I was a red, a unionist, etc. Some one had been red baiting.

### Rats Can't Destroy Union

The spy system was organized to keep the candy workers from organizing. It failed. Candy workers have organized into a union. This same spy system of rats is trying to break up the union. It failed to keep it from organizing. It will fail in its attempt to break it.

But the candy workers must keep their eyes open, clean house, expel every rat from their ranks.

### DO YOUR BIT!

Every "Western" reader is urged to help out in our \$12,000 financial drive, by collecting funds and sending them to 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

## TRICKS FAIL TO STOP EAST BAY AUTO WORKERS

## Lenin Envisioned This

### Chevrolet Heads Try "Bait," But Men Won't Be Fish

#### By an Auto Worker

OAKLAND — Last week the straw bosses at the Chevrolet plant here went around with a typed petition, which we had to sign, whether we had a choice or not, as there is no secrecy about it.

In rough memory, it reads that the "General Motors Company is very fair towards us and we do not wish to join a union, and we don't want any radical element to dictate to us, as it's just a few that are trying to cause hardships on us and our families; that we are well satisfied, they gave us a nickel raise, and the company has been very good to us."

### The Men Will Organize

This has been through each department so it would catch the "slackers."

However, they can't stop us from organizing into the Auto Workers' Union.

A year ago, if you had worked six months with the company, you received a bonus. This year the company wade way more profits. They increased it to a year's work to qualify for a bonus.

### They Weren't Being "Big Hearted"

The company must have known all these auto strikes were coming on.

Two months and a half ago, we had an open house, every employee bringing his wife and family to go through the plant. They gave each child a couple of pencils, and each wife a compact, and ice cream cones to each one. They put up the powder compacts which, I saw the other day, you can get at Woolworth stores.

A week before Christmas they had an outdoor Christmas tree, instead of us getting our bonus checks during the day.

### Made Them Freeze

The next couple of days, the men turned to, to pull down anything that would jeopardize, making a safe inspection. It was reported that we were able to tred on its decks once more, glad because we were to return to Frisco.

### Ancient "Glacier" Again

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### On the morning of the fourth day after the fire, we embarked on the barges once more. About five o'clock that evening, we were aboard the Glacier. As rotten as the ship was, it was with relief that we were able to tred on its decks once more, glad because we were to return to Frisco.

Surely, after an experience like that, it would not be hard to break away from the ties that held us prisoners for the last two months. It would be hard to get sentimental about leaving that bleak, desolate land. Does a man, on leaving prison, get mushy about the rotten food, his cramped cell, and the maddening monotonous days? I don't think!

As though to spite us, the boat did not leave until the next morning. About 10 o'clock in the morning, they raised anchors and swung around, the prow pointing for home. As we steamed by the other vessels, at anchor, they gave us a farewell salute. The vagabond ship of the seas was being given the courtesy due her.

We settled down for the long trip back home.

(To Be Continued)

## Sitdowners Pat In Oil Industry

## Wages of Carmen In East Bay Are Pegged for Year

### OAKLAND — Carmen's Local

192 in the East Bay has just re-

cived a new contract with the Key System, and East Bay Railway.

Most of them voted to accept

a one-year contract restoring the old basic rate in their classifi-

cation with a small raise.

The part-time collectors re-

ceived only a 2½ cent raise and

this is being used to the disad-

vantage of the full-time worker.

Whenever and wherever a col-

lector can be used in the place

of a full-time man, this is done

and the company saves the dif-

ference in pay and the full-time

man is the goat.

Business Agent Rowen report-

ed at the last union meeting that

he had granted (without consulting the union) permission to An-

derson, the superintendent, to

employ part-time collectors for

full-time wherever he found it

necessary.

This is at the expense of the

brakemen and the full-time

workers but few of them realize

the implications for them and

their union of this money-

saving plan of the company.

It is predicted that living ex-

penses will rise greatly during

the coming year but this union

has voluntarily and thoughtless-

ly pegged its wages.

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# Vital Labor Laws Proposed by Peoples Sacramento Meet

*On this page we print several more of the proposed laws presented at the Peoples Legislative Conference, held in Sacramento January 16 and 17. The most burning problems of protection of organized labor are presented in the proposed bills, published in the last issue and in this issue of the "Western Worker" on the Labor Page.*

## SUMMARY OF PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION

*Proposed by Sacto. Peoples Conference Jan. 16 and 17*

**1. CALIFORNIA PICKETING ACT.** Bill provides: That no city or county may pass or enforce an anti-picketing ordinance directed against peaceful picketing.

### Punish Vigilantes

**2. ANTI-VIGILANTE ACT.** Punishes the type of vigilantism recently condemned at the Sacramento convention of the California State Federation of Labor. Conviction of every member of a group like the Santa Rosa tar and feather party would have been much easier under the proposed act. Bill provides: that not only are acts of vigilantism a crime, but aiding, threatening or inciting vigilantism and membership in a vigilante organization is also punishable. Strong presumptions of guilty are established where the organization distributes masks or disguises, or carries guns. The bill punishes only vigilante terror directed against trade unions.

**3. ANTI-INJUNCTION BILL.** The act is patterned after the federal anti-injunction law. Bill provides: that injunctions cannot be issued against peaceful picketing. Puts up many safeguards against the hasty or improper issuance of labor injunctions in all other labor cases. Flimsy evidence or vague statements could no longer be sufficient basis for a court order directed to strikers. Heavy bonds must be posted and severe penalties are imposed upon an employer who wrongfully obtains a labor injunction.

**4. JURY TRIAL BILL.** The extreme injustice of having a striking worker tried by the same judge who issued the labor injunction, prompted the drafting of this bill. Many progressive states have made this change in their laws. Bill provides: that where a worker is charged with violating a labor injunction, he is entitled to a jury trial.

**Civil Rights**  
**5. "MOONEY CASE" BILL.** Remedies the legal technicality by which Tom Mooney is held in the penitentiary years after it is discovered that his conviction was based upon perjury. Would apply equally to the "Modesto case." Bill provides: for the elimination of the barbarous common law rule by which courts cannot hear new evidence once a man is sentenced. The more flexible procedure that has operated successfully in European courts is adopted.

**6. CIVIL RIGHTS BILLS.** Laws now on the statute books make it unlawful to deny accommodation to anyone because of race, color or religion. Bill provides: extension of the laws to include every kind of accommodation or service which is open to the public. Also increases minimum damages to \$250.00 from present \$100.00. Another law added making the unlawful acts a misdemeanor.

**7. SPECIAL OFFICER BILL.** In the present condition of the law of this State the employer of a special deputy or policeman cannot be held responsible for his acts, no matter how much or what kind of damage he causes. Bill provides: liability on the part of any person or corporation who employs the special deputy or policeman, causes him to be so appointed or supervises him in such capacity.

**Tear Gas Bills**

**8. GAS BILLS.** (a) Within the past year throughout the country, and in California there have been many examples of donations of tear, nauseatin and other gases by industrial establishments to city, county or state authorities. Bill provides: it shall be unlawful for any employee of city, county or state to accept donations of any tear, nauseatin or other gases.

(b) This Bill provides: It shall be unlawful for private persons or public officials to use tear or other gases for the purposes of breaking up or interfering with parades, meetings or picket lines.

**9. STRIKEBREAKER BILL.** Experience has shown that much strike violence is attributable to the resentment on the part of the community to bringing in of men from other counties, and often other states to take jobs formerly held by men of the community. Bill provides: that it shall be unlawful to transport men across county lines for the purpose of taking jobs vacated by reason of a labor dispute.

**MACHINES WON'T MEAN LAYOFFS**

**CHICAGO.**—The Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers ended a 7th-month dispute with the Illinois Power & Light Co. when a joint arbitration board handed down a "precedent-breaking" decision that in cases where labor-displacing machinery is installed working hours must be cut to provide extra employment.

The company operates in the central part of Illinois.

Terms of the agreement, signed by the union and the Utility Operators Assn., call for \$40-a-month pay raises for linemen and 18½ cents an hour increases for laborers, bringing their pay rates to 62½ cents an hour. The decision affects 1,200 men em-



EARS PINNED

## AIM AT USE OF DEPUTIES VS. LABOR UNIONS

*Peoples Conference Proposes Curbing of Illegal Acts*

**(AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO THE CIVIL CODE TO BE NUMBERED SECTION 2301, RELATING TO THE LIABILITY OF A NATURAL PERSON OR CORPORATION HIRING, SECURING THE APPOINTMENT OF, OR SUPERVISING A PATROLMAN, POLICEMAN, SHERIFF, OR DEPUTY SHERIFF.)**

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the Civil Code to be numbered Section 2301 and to read as follows:

**Special Officers**

SECTION 2301. In all cases where the salary or wages of a policeman, patrolman, special policeman, sheriff or deputy sheriff regularly appointed by order of the state, or of its officers, or of any political subdivision of the State, or any officer of such political subdivision or by any county, city and county, or city officer thereof are paid in whole or in part by any natural person or corporation other than the state, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation and/or in all cases where such appointment has been made on the application of any natural person or corporation other than the state, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation and/or the policeman, patrolman, special policeman, or special patrolman, sheriff or deputy sheriff regularly appointed by order of the State, or of its officers, or of any political subdivision of the State, or any officer of such political subdivision or by any county, city, city and county, or city officer thereof acts under the supervision of said natural person or corporation, other than the State, a political subdivision of the State, or a municipal corporation, said natural person or corporation, shall for the purpose of this title be deemed an employer of said patrolman, policeman, special policeman, special patrolman, sheriff or deputy sheriff, and shall be responsible for the acts of said policeman, patrolman, special policeman or special patrolman according to the power to determine hours and rates of pay.

**Rep. Marvin Jones (D. Tex.),** chairman of the House agricultural committee, is sponsoring a bill designed to curb the growth of farm tenancy.

## Labor Reaffirms Boycott on Nazis

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—The campaign to boycott Nazi goods has taken on a new swing here, and the resolution passed by the San Francisco Central Labor is getting behind it. The resolution:

"Whereas, Four years of Hitler rule in Germany destroyed every vestige of liberty, annihilated trade unionism, leaving German labor to the mercy of the employers; subjected the Jews and other minority groups to the most brutal and barbarous treatment ever known in history of mankind; the ghetto, the yellow badge, the old poll tax are resurrected from medieval times in order to harass, intimidate and make life intolerable; and

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor at its annual conventions, since 1933, expressed very emphatically its abhorrence to Hitlerism and went on record endorsing the boycott of Nazi-German merchandise, calling on affiliated unions to actively support the boycott; and

"Whereas, The California State Federation of Labor convention, assembled in San Diego, Calif., on September 16 to 20, 1935, likewise endorsed the boycott and called on all affiliated unions to actively support the boycott; and

"Whereas, Hitler's merchandise wreaks with blood of dispossessed labor, persecuted Jews, Catholics and others, gives Hitler the means to carry on his murderous attacks against all liberty-loving people; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the San Francisco Labor Council reaffirm the stand of the American Federation of Labor and request all the affiliated unions and their membership to withhold their patronage from German-made goods and to co-operate with other public-spirited bodies in our city to this end."

ployed by the company, and is retroactive to June 1.

In addition, workers fired for union activity are to be rehired and given back pay from the time of their dismissals.

Members of the arbitration board included Sec. Victor Olander of the Illinois Federation of Labor, Vice-Pres. M. J. Boyle of the IBEW, Mayor John Gray of Urbana, Ill., and representatives of the employers. Board members claimed their decision was the first actual measure taken in this country to balance man-power and labor-saving machinery, while Mayor Gray touted it as the "most important precedent ever established in the battle of men against machines."

## LEADS SIT-DOWNS



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## VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS MISDEMEANOR

*Under Law Proposed By Sacto. Peoples' Conference*

**(AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 178 TO THE PENAL CODE MAKING THE VIOLATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS BY REASON OF RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF A MISDEMEANOR.)**

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 178 is hereby added to the Penal Code to read as follows:

**Hit Discrimination**

Section 178. Whoever denies to any citizen, except for reasons applicable alike to every race, color, religious group or sect, the full accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, hotels, eating houses, places where ice cream or soft drinks of any kind are sold for consumption on the premises, barber shops, bath houses, theaters, skating rinks, public conveyances, all places of business where goods, wares, or merchandise are offered for sale, and all other places of public accommodation or amusement, subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law, and applicable alike to all citizens, or who aids, or incites such denial or whoever makes any discrimination, distinction or restriction on account of color, race, or religious belief, or except for good cause applicable alike to citizens of every race, color, religious group or sect whatsoever, in respect to the admission of any citizen to, or in his treatment, in any inn, hotel, restaurant, eating house, place where ice cream or soft drinks are sold for consumption on the premises, barber shop, bath house, theater, skating rink, public conveyance, place of business where goods, wares or merchandise are offered for sale or other public place of amusement or accommodation, whether such place is licensed or not, or whoever aids or incites such discrimination, distinction or restriction, for each and every such offense is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Metal Trades Unite**

Moulders, polishers, mounters and others in the metal trades have banded together into an association to prevent sales of stoves of non-union manufacture in the East Bay, it was announced. Mass picketing may be resorted to at the retail Montgomery-Ward stores and other places selling scab stoves, it was stated.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers reported a one-hour sit-down strike on the Broadway Tunnel job, scene of many labor disputes, had won 15 cents an hour more for miners and 10 cents an hour increase for truck tenders. This increase, they said, does not bring wages up to the union scale, but is considered an encouraging gain.

**Steel Labor Calls**

## Shasta Mine Union Gets Things Done

**FRESNO.**—Demands won by the militant workers of Shasta Local No. 260, I.U.M.W.W. include a closed shop and a union managed hiring hall.

Extracts of the contract signed by S. A. Meissner, president of the Local, and W.D. Smith for Dixon, Case and Bent, general contractors, and witnessed by Walter G. Mathewson, U.S. Commissioner of Conciliation, follows:

**Terms of Adjustment**

"Terms of adjustment of controversy between mine, mill and smelter workers Union, Shasta Local No. 260, and Dixon, Case and Bent, general contractors on Central Valley Project, Kennett division."

"In order that a mutual understanding may be had and the work on the above project proceeded without friction of any kind the contractors agree that there shall be no discrimination against members of the miners' union."

"That approximately sixteen men who claim to have been discharged for union activity or for wearing their union button on the job will be re-employed or given an opportunity for re-employment. The time for these men to report for work will be arranged to the satisfaction of the contractor and the miners' union."

"All additional calls for workers will be made by the miners' union and the men cleared through the National Employment Service."

When it becomes necessary to lay off workers those who are not members of the miners' union will be laid off first and re-employment workers members of the miners' union will be re-employed."

**MINN. LOGGERS STRIKE**

**DULUTH.**—Three thousands loggers are on strike in Northern Minnesota, for increased wages. The biggest camps are affected.

## East Bay Labor on the March



## C. I. O. LEADER TELLS CONTRA COSTA GAINS

*Lydona Talks on Drive To Organize the Unorganized*

**MARTINEZ**—Delegate Savage of the Chemical Workers Union reported to the recent Central Labor Council meeting that his union has an agreement with the Great Western Chemical Co. with every worker in the plant a member of the union. The plant is in Pittsburg.

After hearing D. G. Ryan, ILA member from Crockett, the Council went on record to give ILA speakers credentials allowing them to contact the Contra Costa County unions for financial aid to the maritime strike.

**Lydon Reports Progress**

Pat Lydon, assistant organizer of the council and CIO organizer, made a report on the progress that is being made in organization of the unorganized. He told of the work being done to organize the workers in the fish reduction plants in the county, and of the hope that the council would back them in their campaign of organization in the county.

**Fred Allen**, an organizer of the Fish Reduction Workers, No. 20249, and C. W. Post of the MFOW, both made talks, and the council went on record as in favor of Local No. 20249 and that no other request for a charter be recognized.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the council employ their secretary, Miss Viola Cox, on a full time basis, the same to take effect on February first.

**Watson's Threats Fall**

Rowland Watson, state AFL-CIO organizer, who took Mike Carson's place threatened that if the Council endorsed the CIO drive to organize steel some charters might be jerked. Lydon pointed out that the Labor Councils in Redding and Vallejo had endorsed the steel drive and no charters had been jerked. The Contra Costa Council didn't go for Watson's line of talk.

## Arizona Copper Men Win Third Increase Within Six Months

**PHOENIX, Ariz.**—Major copper producers announced today approximately 9000 Arizona miners would receive 5 per cent wage increases February 1.

from speed-up" Roberts told the audience, and continued, "Organization eliminates this hazard."

CIO is not going to stop until every vestige of speed-up, insecurity and low wages are eliminated. Roberts concluded.

**As to Labor Spies**

The stool pigeons of General motors and Ford came in for their share of "consideration."

"If the stool pigeon is not careful," Edward Hall said, "He is going for a long trip, with people walking slowly behind him, but he won't know it!"

The stool pigeon, slimy creature," Roberts defined him.

And in culmination of this militant, determined stand by auto workers, 1000 voices were raised in oral agreement to circulate the Oakland Chevrolet plant, not stopping until Alfred P. Sloan, President General Motors, changes his attitude toward his workers.

"Workers actually go insane

## ORGANIZING THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN BAY AREA

**By S. BALTRUM  
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Reading about the tremendous success of the CIO committee has in organizing mass production plants in the east and mid-west, such as steel, rubber and auto, we must not lose sight of the fact that textile, especially cotton and rayon, is in for an intensive organizational campaign.

Throughout the United States there are over one million textile workers, yet less than one hundred thousand are organized into the United Textile Workers' Union.

Textile, especially rayon and cotton plants, can be called a war industry as they use chemicals, therefore, these factories can be converted overnight into manufacturing war gases and materials.

This Union is one of ten suspended by the American Federation of Labor executive council because it believes in organizing mass production plants.

**All in Eight Months**

Until last May here in the Bay Area, textile workers were not organized. Since then a strong local has been built in Oakland in the California Cotton Mills. Now 500 bay workers in San Francisco are on strike for over two months to maintain their Union within the plants, and aim to better their condition within them. They are holding out well and intend to win.

The United Textile Workers' Union in the Bay Area greets its fellow workers who have started an organizing campaign in steel, rubber and auto plants in California. We know from experience that organization can be obtained.